

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

### *Listing of claims:*

1. (Currently amended) A method for preparing a catalyst which comprises the steps of impregnating a carrier with active components, drying the impregnated carrier, and then calcining the same, said drying treatment being carried out while the impregnated carrier is in a drifting condition, wherein the carrier is an L-type zeolite, the active components are a platinum-containing compound and one or more halogen-containing compounds, and the obtained catalyst is a platinum-supporting halogen-treated L-type zeolite catalyst.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Previously presented) The method for preparing the catalyst according to Claim 1 wherein the drying treatment is carried out while a drying container including the impregnated carrier is rotated.
4. (Previously presented) The method for preparing the catalyst according to Claim 1 wherein the drying treatment is carried out under reduced pressure while a drying container is rotated.
5. (Previously presented) The method for preparing the catalyst according to Claim 3 wherein a revolution speed of the drying container is in the range of 0.5 to 200 revolutions/minute.
6. (Previously presented) The method for preparing the catalyst according to Claim 1 wherein the drying treatment is carried out while a drying container including the impregnated carrier is shaken.

7. (Previously presented) The method for preparing the catalyst according to Claim 1 wherein the drying treatment is carried out while the impregnated carrier is being heated.

8. (Previously presented) The method for preparing the catalyst according to Claim 1 wherein the drying treatment is carried out while there is given, to the catalyst particles, such a shaking force as to permit moving the portions of the catalyst particles which contact the other catalyst particles at any time.